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PUEBLO OF LAGUNA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Harry Early, Governor Pueblo of Laguna Council

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Dear Governor Early:

As a member tribe of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) you have, over the past several years, requested a number of technical assistance projects from the CERT organization.

Some of those projects have been completed and the final outcome presented to yourself and the Tribal Council. Others of those projects are currently being worked on by CERT staff. Such active technical assistance projects for your tribe include:

- The Uranium Mining & Reclamation Project
- The Conoco Uranium Project
- The Right of Way Negotiations Project
- The Anaconda Uranium Analysis Project

Coinciding with federal budget cutbacks, the current administration is placing new requirements on CERT as regards its funding and the subsequent application of technical assistance to its member tribes.

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The BIA is requesting that CERT supply it immediately with resolutions from each of its tribal members. These resolutions must formally request the work which CERT is now conducting for you. The list of projects noted above constitutes CERT's current workload for your tribe.

To comply with the BIA's requirement, CERT asks that you submit a resolution stating that the projects noted above are endorsed by the Tribal Council. To meet the BIA's due date, this resolution must be received by CERT within 20 days, or no later than 10 July 1981. If this time contraint creates a problem, please let me know so that alternate arrangements may be researched.

If a resolution endorsing the noted CERT projects is not received within this time frame, the BIA will force CERT to stop further work on the projects.

As you can see, this matter can be of serious consequence to both the tribe and the CERT organization, and your prompt attention and action are requested.

Please call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Theodore Reynolds Smith

Managing Director

Technical Assistance Center

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cc: Ed Gabriel